Development (1938) Department.

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G.O. No. 1211

DATED 10-5-1938.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Forests – South Kanara – Concessions –
Chief Conservator's proposals –
Allowed.

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Forest DEPARTMENT.

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Forest concessions - South Kanara -

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Refce No. 1764/38-C1

Station Chepauk, Madras, *Dated the* 16th April 1938.

From (Name) C.C.Wilson Esq., I.F.S.,

(Designation) Chief Conservator of Forests.

To The Secretary to the Government of Mad....,

DEVELOPMENT Department.

Sir,

(F)

Refce:-G.O.963 Development, dated 15-6-1936.

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While I was Conservator of Forests, Ootacamund Circle I inspected in February last, certain of the North Mangalore Forests in which concessions were restricted or forbidden.

Para 2. The District Forest Officer was of opinion that not only would it do no harm, but that it would be beneficial to the forests in certain cases if manure leaf removals, and certain other privileges were allowed. I agreed with him,

and I therefore submit the following proposals but, since it is important that the privileges should not be abused, with certain safeguards.

Para 3. It is desirable that:-

(i). Free removal of Strobilanthus, Macaranga, Trema and Holigarna, and all climbers and weeds should be permitted from felled fuel coupes at the Dt.Forest Officer's discretion by an annual notification. At present felled coupes are closed to the concession of green manure leaf removal perpetually, and this is not in the best interests of the forest, as the species named above are harmful, suppress the coppice regrowth, and should be removed periodically for sylvicultural reasons. The fuel coupes cannot be opened to unrestricted manure leaf removal as this would destroy the fuel supplies of the future, which are vital to the well being of the people of South Canara.

(ii) Free removal of green leaf manure of unclassified species and of dry leaves and dead fallen wood should be permitted from all Hopea plantations. The District Forest Officer should have discretion to close any particular area in which the concession is being abused.

(iii) All areas sown with Acacia sundra should be opened to all concessions. Acacia sundra is never taken for manure leaves and such forest is difficult to damage.

(iv) Manure Leaf Felling Series should be formed in certain localities specified below, where coupes should be worked on a short rotation, being sold to contractors whose retail selling rate should be restricted. In these coupes good manure leaf species such as Terminalia tomentosa and Cassia siamea should be introduced by rab regeneration after working. The intention is not to make money but to get sufficient funds to defray the cost of regeneration, without which the jungle cannot help deteriorating if green leaf manure is cut in the same way that all the unreserved forests in the

ourhood have done.

he localities in which these Manure Leaf Felling Series could be conveniently tried, to begin with, are:-

(1) Herur Reserved Forest
(2) Kursegudde Reserved Forest
(3) Hosabettu Reserved Forest.
(4) Todar Reserved Forest
(5) Nire Reserved Forest
(6) Vorwady Reserved Forest
(7) Sabladi Reserved Forest.

In each reserved forest, the District Forest Officer would have to select such areas as must be set aside for fuel working, if there are any, on the lines demonstrated in person during my inspection of Herur and Kursegudde Reserved Forests. It is emphasised that in all the reserves referred to above the concession of free removal of green leaf manure is not in force at present, owing either to abuse of the concession in the past or for sylvicultural reasons. Therefore to form Manure Leaf Felling Series, as suggested, will not in any way deprive the people of any privilege they at present enjoy, but will, on the other hand, open to them an increasingly prolific source of green leaf manure.

Para 4. I request that, if Government are pleased to approve these proposals, I may be permitted to issue order that they be put in force.

C. 16.4

for Chief Conservator.

16/4/34

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Dev. Dept.

O.M. No. 19786-I/ 38-2 dt. 30-8-38

Forests – S. Kanara – Concessions to ryots –

The following Press Communiqué will be published in the Fort St. George Gazette and South Kanara Dt. Gazette.

2. The S.G.P. is requested to send 20 copies of the Communiqué to this Dept. after publication.

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the S.G.P. ✓

The C.C.P. ✓

Received
Date 31-8-1938

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[The Communiqué attached]

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Dev Dept.

Copy of the draft Press Communique.
(as modified)

As some misconception appears to exist as regards the concessions available to the ryots in the Government Waste lands and Reserved Forests of the South Kanara District, the following is published for general information.—

(a) The holders of land to which Kumaki privileges are attached may enjoy, in the Kumaki lands, free of charge, the following privileges, viz., grazing cattle, cutting, converting, collecting and removing trees, timber and other forest produce, subject to the conditions and restrictions explained in the general rules issued under section 26 of the Madras Forest Act, 1882.

(b) Within forest reserves in the District the following concessions were granted as an experimental measure in 1922:-

(1) Permission to clear undergrowth in all reserves (except those near the coast) to a distance of half a mile from the limits of private holdings;

(2) in the reserves near the coast, permission to clear undergrowth to a distance of 200 yards from the limits of private holdings;

(3) permission to clear undergrowth in all areas sown with Hopea parviflora; and

(4) permission for the free removal of --

(i) green manure leaves of unclassified species and dry leaves of all species; and
(ii) dead fuel.

These concessions were granted on the following conditions:-

(1) that if in any forest they were in any way abused they would be cancelled in such forest; and

(2) that the forests in which they were granted should not be burnt and that if accidental fires occurred the ryots should afford necessary help to extinguish them without delay.

But in spite of repeated warnings these concessions were greatly abused by the ryots and hence they had to be withdrawn, gradually,

with effect from 1st April 1933, from a few reserves where abuse was greatest. In deference however to several representations received by the Government, the then Hon'ble the Law Member undertook an inspection of the forests in December 1935, and based on that inspection, the Government permitted the removal, free of cost of dry fallen leaves and pieces of firewood from these reserves which were closed to the concessions, subject to the condition that timber and valuable wood like teak, sandal or rosewood should not be taken away, even if they had fallen down of their own accord. The concession is also liable to be cancelled if it is found that wood is cut whether in a dry or green state. These concessions were permitted also in the six sandalwood reserves which were formerly closed to the concession.

(c) The Government have now decided to allow the following further concessions:-

(1) In felled fuel coupes hitherto permanently closed to the removal of green manure leaf, free removal of Strobilanthes, Macaranga, Trema, Holigarna, and all climbers and weeds will be permitted at the discretion of the District Forest Officer by an annual notification.

(2) In all Hopea plantations, free removal of green leaf manure of unclassified species, and of dry leaves and dead fallen wood.

(3) In all areas sown with Acacia sundra, free removal of dry leaves and dry fuel, and of green leaf manure.

(4) In the following seven reserves where the concession of free removal of green leaf manure is not in force at present, owing to either to abuse of the concession in the past or for sylvicultural reasons, manure leaf felling series will be formed as an experimental measure, and the coupes will be worked on a short rotation through the agency of contractors, whose selling rate will be restricted:-

(1) Herur Reserved Forest
(2) Kursegudde Reserved Forest
(3) Hosabettu Reserved Forest
(4) Todar Reserved Forest
(5) Nire Reserved Forest
(6) Vorwady Reserved Forest
(7) Sabladi Reserved Forest.

C.J. Paul
Sig. Asst.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

PRESS COMMUNIQUÉ.

Dated Fort St. George, the 30th August 1938.

As some misconception appears to exist as regards the concessions available to the ryots in the Government waste lands and reserved forests of the South Kanara district, the following is published for general information :—

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(2) In all Hopea plantations, free removal of green leaf manure of unclassified species, and of dry leaves and dead fallen wood.

(3) In all areas sown with Acacia sundra, free removal of dry leaves and dry fuel, and of green leaf manure.

(4) In the following seven reserves where the concession of free removal of green leaf manure is not in force at present, owing either to abuse of the concession in the past or for sylvicultural reasons, manure leaf felling series will be formed as an experimental measure, and the coupes will be worked on a short rotation through the agency of contractors, whose selling rate will be restricted :—

(1) Herur reserved forest.

(2) Kursegudde reserved forest.

(3) Hosabettu reserved forest.

(4) Todar reserved forest.

(5) Nire reserved forest.

(6) Vorwady reserved forest.

(7) Sabladi reserved forest.

C. J. PAUL,
Secretary to Government.

Dev Dept

Subject: Forests - South Kanara - Concessions - Proposals.

[11)28] cf. Letter from the CCF no. 1264/38 dt 16-3-38.

To A.S.

Please see the C C's proposals in the CF.

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In 1922 the C.C.F. granted the concessions specified in para 1 of Go. no 963 Dev dated the 15th June 1926 to the mayor of the South Kanara Dt. In spite of repeated warnings the concessions were greatly abused and on the suggestion of the CCF the Govt ordered that the Concessions might be withdrawn with effect from 1st April 1933. The withdrawal of the concessions gave rise to a number of interpellations in the Legislature Council. The Govt re considered the matter and ordered that the following Concessions should be restored:-

(1) Removal of dry leaf, and

(2) Removal of dry wood.

In his letter in the CF the C.C.F

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proposes that the following concessions maybe given for the reasons explained in the letter.

(i) Free removal of Strobilanthes, Macaranga, Ficus and Stoliganda all climbers and weeds should be permitted from felled teak coupes at the discretion of the D.F.O.

Item (i) under para 3 on p. 2 of

(ii) Free removal of green leaf manure of unclassified species and of dry branches and dead fallen wood should be permitted from all Hopea plantations.

Item (ii) under para 3 - p. 2 of

(iii) The areas worn with Acacia Sundara should be opened to all concessions.

Item (iii) under para 3 - p. 2

The ccs' proposals maybe accepted.

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He also proposes that manure leaf felling areas should be formed in certain reserves specified in his letter and that these coupes should be sold to contractors for working. He states that the concession of free removal of green leaf manure is not in force at present and that therefore the formation of manure leaf

item (iv) under para 3 - p. ...

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felling Series will not deprive the people of any privilege they at present enjoy. In the circumstances explained, his proposal may be accepted.

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Subject to orders, a draft order approving his proposals is submitted.

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30.4.38

HM(RRD) I approve the C.C.F's proposals. After issuing the draft order I prefer a statement giving details of Concessions proposed for issuing a Press Communique & file returned from HM(P.I).

3/5/38

P. Circular

A Statement giving details of the concessions already being enjoyed by the ryots of South Kanara and those that are going to be given now is submitted at flag ©. Perhaps the draft

draft order may issue after recirculation to H.M.(Ag & RD) and H.M.(P.I.).

Issue draft order ×

Then submit to S

× Issued - Right below.

Rec'd. from C.I.B. after despatch on 26 May

23.5.38

H.M.(Ag & RD). 30.5.'38

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H.M.(P.I.) 17/6/38

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It is presumed that no further action is necessary with reference to H.M.'s note on p. 3 ante. In order whether the file may be closed

Yes - but was the statement of concurrence issued as a Press Note?

22/6/38

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21/6/38

The Hon'ble Minister (P.I.) wanted a draft Press Note prepared. I give the draft below and send back file

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23/6/38

The draft Press Note may be

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approved:

RC
26.6.38

Please obtain a copy of the orders issued by the C.C. on receipt of the G.O. dated 15-6-36 and of the recent G.O. of 10.5.1938.

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To A.S.

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From ~~Dept~~ A.S. Dev

To P.A to CCF

Please send urgently for the information of East copies
~~a copy~~ of the orders issued by the C.C.F. on receipt of Govt. of India Memo No. 963 Dev. Dt 15.3.61 about the restoration of concessions in S. Kanara Dr.

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for AS.

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From A.S. Dev

To P.A to CCF

Please send urgently for the information of East copies
~~a copy~~ of the orders issued by the C.C.F. on receipt of Govt Sr. No 963 Dev. dt 15.6.16 regarding the restoration of concessions in S. Kanara Dr.

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Post copy of telephone message dated 2nd July 1938.

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From the Personal Assistant to the Chief Conservator of Forests,

Chepauk, Madras.

To the Assistant Secretary to Government, Development Department,

Fort St.George, M a d r a s.

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Refce:-Your Telephone Message dated 27-6-1938 calling for copies of the orders issued by the Chief Conservator of Forests on G.O.No.963 Development dated 15-6-1936 and G.O.No.1211 Development Department, dated 10-5-1938, about the restoration of concessions in South Kanara District.

Copies of the Chief Conservators Orders on the G.Os. read above are furnished with the post copy of the Telephone Message.

Sd/- R.S.Browne,

Personal Assistant.

(True Copy)

(By Order)

Manager.
2.7.38

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I Enclosure.

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Copy of Chief Conservator's Proceedings Mis.No.253/36 dated 20th June 1936 to the Conservator of Forests, Ootacamund Circle.

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Short Title: Forests - South Kanara - Concessions - Restoration - Orders passed.

(F) Read the following:- G.O.No.963 Press. Development Department dated 15th June 1936.

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PROCEEDINGS:-

Communicated to the Conservator of Forests, Ootacamund Circle, and the Collector of South Kanara.

A 2. The Conservator's attention is invited to paras 3(2) and 4 of the G.O.

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Copy of C.C.P.Mis.No.266 dated 17th May 1938.

Subject:-Forest Concessions - South Kanara - Closed areas - Further concessions - Ordered.

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A copy of this office Reference No.1764-38-C1, dated 18-4-1938 and G.O.No.Ms.1211 dated 10-5-1938 is forwarded.

2. The proposals approved by Government should be put in force as early as possible.

3. The necessary amendments to the Working Plan should be submitted in due course.

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Sd/- C.Shelswell,
18-5-38
for Chief Conservator.

To the Conservator of Forests, Ootacamund Circle.
Copy to the Conservator, Working Plans Circle
" District Forest Officer, Mangalore North
" Collector of South Kanara.

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Dev Dept -

. reference to the order of the Secretary on p.5 ante please see the proceedings of the Chief Conservator at A and B on pp. 7-8 ante

RR 4/7/38

Sm 4/7/38

will A.S please speak?

CM 6/7/38

Slater 12/7/38.

Secretary wanted to know whether Kumaki privileges are enjoyed within reserved forest limits i.e., whether anywhere reserved forest lands include Kumaki lands. No definite information is available on this point.

Two questions have since been received from Mr. Saldanha in one of which he wants to know the concessions in regard to the use of "produce" by the people in South Kanara in reserved forests adjoining their lands and in another question he wants to know the grazing facilities enjoyed by cultivators in reserved forests adjacent to their warg lands. It is therefore desirable that the Press Communique should issue as early as possible before the next meeting of the Council embodying all the concessions which the cultivators enjoy within forest limits. The questions are dealt with in separate files. So far as the present file is concerned, it deals only with the desirability of issuing a Press Communique. I suggest that the C.C.F. be asked to verify the Communique as drafted in the

Secretariat and offer his views particularly in regard to clause (a) which refers to Kumaki privileges and whether these privileges are enjoyed within the limits of reserved forests anywhere. The preambl to the Communique refers to the concessions within reserved forests and in clause (a) reference is made to Kumaki privileges. If the Kumaki privileges are not available within forests, then clause (a) will have to be deleted. Kumaki privileges as referred to in rule 7 A of the rules issued under section 26 -- vide page 34 of the Forest Manual -- do not refer to reserved forests but only to waste lands and unreserved lands. The following U.O. note may be sent to the Chief Conservator of Forests:

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U.O. Note No. dated 29.7.38

(A copy of the U.O. note will be typed and sent to the C.C.F.)

In view of the various questions that are constantly asked both in the Assembly and in the Council on the question of forest concessions in South Kanara, it is considered desirable to issue a Press Communique setting forth succinctly the several concessions and privileges available to the cultivators within reserved forests in South Kanara. A draft Press Communique is submitted. There is however some doubt as to whether as drafted it is correct to say that Kumaki privileges arise within reserved forests. The preamble refers to the forests in South Kanara and clause (a) of the Communique refers to Kumaki privileges. If there are no Kumaki privileges available within reserved limits, then clause (a) will have to go. From rule 7A of the rules issued under section 26 and published on page 34 of the Forest Manual, it seems that Kumaki lands lie either in Government waste or unreserved lands and not within reserved forests. The Communique may be sent to the Chief Conservator of Forests with

request that it may be corrected wherever necessary or redrafted in entirety so as to present to the public an accurate description of the present position in regard to the various privileges enjoyed by the people in the forests of the South Kanara Dt. As it is desirable to issue this communique before the next meeting of the Legislature, the Chief Conservator may be requested to return it at a very early date.

RR 29.7.58 S. o/c Cit 29.7.58

wo. note dispd to CCF 29.7.58.

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Development Department.

U.O. Note-No.19786/II/38-1. dated 29th July 1938.

Very urgent

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R.R.
28-7-38.

C.J.P.
29-7-38.

To the Chief Conservator of Forests U.O.
Forwarded
(By Order)

Superintendent.

U.O.No.6750/38 C.1 dated 10th August 1938.

I return the u.o. Note and the draft communique with the following remarks:-

1.The 'Kumaki' lands in South Kanara do not form part of the Reserved Forests. They are, however, Government lands, and, except where they have been unduly abused by the Kumakidars, they are forested lands, whose free enjoyment by the cultivators is a very great boon. In these circumstances, I see no reason to delete clause (a) of your draft communique. You might, however, in the second line of the preamble, make the matter free from doubt by substituting the words"in the Government waste lands and Reserved Forests" for the words "in the forests", as indicated in pencil, in the draft.

2. It would appear from the draft communique, that the concessions granted in 1922 were gradually withdrawn from all the reserves, with effect from 1st April 1933. But in actual fact, the concessions were withdrawn only from a few reserves, where they were much abused vide para 2 of G.O.No.963 Development, dated 15th June 1936. The draft communique has to be amended suitably. I have suggested amendments, in pencil, in your draft.

3. In practice, the manner in which the concessions have been used is reviewed every year, and, if necessary, Reserves which have been much abused are recommended for closure to the concessions. At the same time, recommendations are made for re-opening, to the concessions, reserves which had been closed owing to abuse, when such a course is considered suitable. It is probably unnecessary, however, to mention this in the communique, since your draft describes the conditions under which the concessions are enjoyed,and refers to the possibility of cancellation.

4. A copy of the draft communique, as modified by me, is enclosed, along with your original copy.

10/8/38

for Chief Conservator.

To The Secretary to Government,Development Department.

10 AUG 1938

Secrt. II-27—40,000—14-10-36.

Development (1937) Department.

MS SERIES.

G.O. No. 1215

DATED 1—6-1937

[Despatch Abstract.]

Forests

Right of way - Coimbatore District - Kollegal - Doddasampagai Reserved Forest - Path from Parasagoundanpalayam to Attikan - Extinguished.

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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Forest DEPARTMENT.

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Right of way - Coimbatore - Kollegal - Doddasampagai Reserved Forest - Porasagoundanpalayam to Attikan - extinction of -

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Station Chepauk, Madras ., *Dated the* 4th May ..... 19 37.

From (Name) T.A.Whitehead Esq., I.F.S.,

(Designation) Ag.Chief Conservator of Forests.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

DEVELOPMENT Department.

Sir,

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In G.O.No.1215 Revenue, dated 19-12-1891 the path from Parasaigoundenpalayam to Uddatti, Bellaji and Attikan estate, in Doddasampagai Reserved Forest in Kollegal taluk, Coimbatore District was admitted as public right of way No. II (1) open to people and cattle. In 1920 the Collector of Coimbatore, permitted the Biligirirangan Planters' Committee to widen this right of way over the portion from Mavathur to Bellaji, so as to allow motor traffic. But actually a new motor road, which runs more or less parallel to the admitted path, was constructed.

2. Subsequent to the construction of this motor road, a cart track, connecting Mavathur with the Kollegal Lokanhalli-Bailur road, also came into existence. A right of way over this cart track was admitted in this office Ref.No.4100-35-D3, dated -- 6-9-1935 under Section 18 of the Forest Act. As a result of certain improvements effected to this road by the District Board, Coimbatore in April 1936, the course of the road has slightly deviated from the original cart track over which a right of way was admitted by this office.

3. As no right of way has been admitted over the road mentioned in para 1 above, and as the right of way referred to in para 2 needs revision, it is proposed to admit a fresh right of way over the entire length of the road from Lokanhalli Bailur road to Mavathur and thence to Attikan via Uddatti and Bellaji. I am notifying a description of the road separately under Section 18 of the Madras Forest Act and a sketch indicating the existing right of way and the proposed route is submitted.

4. I request that Government may be pleased to extinguish under Section 20 of the Act.

1) the right of way admitted in G.O.No.1215 Revenue, dated 19-12-1891 from Parasaigoundenpalayam to Attikan as it is not in use and

2) the right of way from Lokkanhalli-Bailur Road to Mavathur admitted in this office Ref.No.4100-35-D3, dated 6-9-1935, as from the date from which my notification published in the local gazette takes effect.

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for Ag.Chief Conservator.

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DRAFT FOR APPROVAL.

Dev. Depth.

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SUBJECT:— Forests —

Right of way — Coimbatore Dt — Kollegal — Sooldasampagai Reserved Forest — Path from Ponnagoundanpalayam to Attikan — exhinguished.

READ AGAIN Go. No. 1215 Rev., dated 19— 12— 1891. (F)

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READ *ALSO*:—

No. 1681 T/37 From the C.C.S. Rly, No. 4100/38-D3, dated 4-5-1937. 1.1 - 1.f.

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Order Ms. No. 1215, dated 1-6-1937.

Checked with Ms

Gazette

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In the Revenue Department Notification No. 13, dt 19th Dec. 1891, published at pages 15-19 of Part I of the Fort St. George Gazette dt 5-1-1892, the path from Ponnagoundenpalayam to Siddatti, Bellaji and Attikan estate, was admitted as a right of way open to people and cattle in the Sooldasampagai Reserved forest in Kollegal taluk, Coimbatore Dt.] In 1920, the Collector of Coimbatore permitted

the Biligirirangan Planters' Committee to widen this path ~~right~~ of way over the portion from Marathur to Bellaji, so as to allow motor traffic. But actually a new motor road, which runs more or less parallel to the admitted path was constructed.

3 Subsequent to the construction of this motor road, a cart track connecting Marathur with the Kollegal Lokanhalli-Bailur road, also came into existence and the Chief Conservator admitted a right of way over this track in 1935 under Section 18 of the Madras Forest Act, 1882. As a result of certain improvements effected to this ~~track~~ by the Bt. Board, Coimbatore in April 1936, its course has slightly deviated from the original cart track over which the C.C.F. admitted a right of way.

4 As no right of way

has been admitted on the motor road referred to in para 1 above, and as the right of way referred to in para 2 above, needs revision, the C.C.F. proposes, under section 18 of the Forest Act to admit :- a fresh right of way over the entire length of the road from Lokanhalli Baikur road to Marathur and thence to Attikan via Gudalathi and Belliji. In view of the fact that a new right of way has been provided in lieu of the old rights of way admitted by the C.C.F. and in the notification referred to in para 1 above, the Govt. direct, under section 20 of the Madras Forest Act, 1882, that the above old rights of way shall be extinguished with effect from the date on which the Chief Conservator's notification admitting the fresh right of way

is published in the Coimbatore
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Copy of the draft PressCommunique'.

As some misconception appears to exist as regards the concessions available to the ryots in the forest wood lands of the South Kanara District, the following is published for general information.

(a) The holders of land to which Kumaki privileges are attached may enjoy, in the Kumaki lands, free of charge, the following privileges, viz., grazing cattle, cutting, converting, collecting and removing trees, timber and other forest produce subject to conditions and restrictions explained in the general rules issued under section 26 of the Madras Forest Act, 1882.

(b) Within forest reserves in the District the following concessions were granted as an experimental measure in 1922:-

(1) Permission to clear undergrowth in all reserves (except those near the coast) to a distance of half a mile from the limits of private holdings;

(2) in the reserves near the coast, permission to clear undergrowth to a distance of 200 yards from the limits of private holdings;

(3) permission to clear undergrowth in all areas sown with Hopea Parviflora; and

(4) permission for the free removal of --

(i) green manure leaves of unclassified species and dry leaves of all species; and

(ii) dead fuel.

These concessions were granted on the following conditions:-

(1) that if in any forest they were in any way abused they would be cancelled in such forest; and

(2) that the forests in which they were granted should not be burnt and that if accidental fires occurred the ryots should afford necessary help to extinguish them without delay.

But in spite of repeated warnings these concessions were greatly abused by the ryots and hence they were withdrawn gradually, with

from a few reserves where abuse was greatest.

effect from 1st April 1933. In deference however to several representations received by the Government, the then Hon'ble the Law Member undertook an inspection of the forests in December 1935, and based on that inspection, the Government permitted the removal free of cost of dry fallen leaves and pieces of firewood, subject to the condition that timber and valuable wood like teak, sandal or rosewood should not be taken away, even if they had fallen down of their own accord. The concession is also liable to be cancelled if it is found that wood is cut whether in a dry or green state. These concessions were permitted also in the six sandalwood reserves which were formerly closed to the concession.

from these reserves which were closed to the concessions,

(c) The Government have now decided to allow the following further concessions:-

(1) In felled fuel coupes hitherto permanently closed to the removal of green manure leaf, free removal of Strobilanthes, Macaranga, Trema, and Holigarna, and all climbers and weeds will be permitted at the discretion of the District Forest Officer by an annual notification.

(2) In all Hopea plantations, free removal of green leaf manure of unclassified species, and of dry leaves and dead fallen wood.

(3) In all areas sown with Acacia sundra, free removal of dry leaves and dry fuel, and of green leaf manure.

(4) In the following seven reserves where the concession of free removal of green leaf manure is not in force at present owing either to abuse of the concession in the past or for sylvicultural reasons, manure leaf felling series will be formed as an experimental measure, and the coupes will be worked on a short rotation through the agency of contractors, whose selling rate will be restricted:-

(1) Herur Reserved Forest.
(2) Kursegudde Reserved Forest
(3) Hosabettu Reserved Forest
(4) Todar Reserved Forest.
(5) Nire Reserved Forest.
(6) Vorwady Reserved Forest.
(7) Sabladi Reserved Forest.

Dev. Dept.

Please see A.S's note at A on p.4 ante. The draft Press Communique' as modified by the C.C.F. is placed below for approval.

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~~Order~~ Ms. ~~Resolution~~ ~~Rent~~. No. 211, dated 10.5. 1938.

The Govt. are pleased to approve the proposals submitted by the C.C.F. with his letter read above.

C.F.

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The C.C.F. ✓

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Statement of forest concessions enjoyed by the ryots of South Kanara.

(1) Kumaki privileges : The holders of land to which kumaki privileges are attached enjoy in the kumaki land free of charge such privileges as grazing cattle, cutting, converting, collecting and removing trees, timber and other forest produce subject to certain conditions.

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✓ detailed on p.34 of Forest Manual

concessions granted from 15-6-36

(2) Removal of dry ~~leaf~~ fallen leaves free.

(3) Removal of dry wood free, ie pieces of firewood whatever be the girth, provided that the wood is fallen and not cut

(F)

concessions granted from 10-5-38 ~~to be granted now~~

(4) Free removal of Strobilanthus, Macaranga, Trema and Holigarna, and all climbers and weeds from felled fuel coupes at the D.F.O's discretion by an annual notification

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(5) Free removal of green leaf manure of unclassified species and of dry leaves and dead fallen wood from all Hopea plantations.

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(6) opening of all areas sown with

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Acacia sundra to all concessions, and

(7) Formation of manure leaf felling series in certain reserves, the coupes being sold to contractors for working.

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